

# Hongkong Telegraph

No. 3681.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1894.

THIRTY DOLLARS PER ANNUM.



## Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital ..... 1,000,000  
Subscribed Capital ..... 500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—  
D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shing, Esq.  
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.  
H. Stollerfoht, Esq.  
Chief Manager,  
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches.—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and Amoy.

**BANKERS:—**  
The Commercial Bank of Scotland,  
Farrs Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ld.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.  
Hongkong, 16th November, 1893. [7]

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ..... 2,000,000  
CAPITAL PAID-UP ..... 251,093.15

**BANKERS:—**  
CAPITAL & COUNTIES BANK, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:—  
No. 3, PRINCE STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:—  
BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

AGENCIES:—  
PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

**RATES OF INTEREST,**  
ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS  
and Fixed Deposits can be ascertained  
on application.  
Every description of Banking and Exchange  
business transacted.  
CHANTREY INCHBALD,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [210]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL ..... £1,000,000  
SUBSCRIBED ..... £1,182,000

**BANKERS:—**  
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT  
ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent.  
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—  
For 12 Months ..... 5 per cent.  
" 6 " ..... 4 " "  
" 3 " ..... 3 " "

JOHN THURBURN,  
Manager, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, 4th February, 1894. [20]

## Amusements.

HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB.

A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE  
OF  
"PRINCESS TOTO"

WILL BE GIVEN AT THE  
THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL,  
ON  
SATURDAY, 24th February, 1894,  
at 9 P.M. precisely.

Books of the WORDS of the SONGS can be  
obtained (price 10 cents), at the Booking Office,  
Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Queen's Road  
Central.  
Hongkong, 19th February, 1894. [256]

HONGKONG ATHLETIC SPORTS.

To be held on the RACE COURSE on  
SATURDAY, the 10th of March, 1894, Com-  
mencing at 1.30 P.M.:—

- PROGRAMME:**  
1. 120 Yards Flat Race (Handicap).  
2. Throwing the Cricket Ball.  
3. Long Jump.  
4. Quarter mile (Handicap); Soldiers, Sailors  
and Police.  
5. Bicycle Race, 1 mile (Scratch).  
6. High Jump.  
7. Ladies' Purse; Half mile (Handicap).  
8. Veterans' Race.  
9. 500 Yards (Challenge Cup).  
10. Top-of-Wind.  
11. Hurdle Race (120 yards, 10 flights).  
12. Quarter mile Flat Race.  
13. Mile Flat Race (Handicap); Soldiers, &c.  
14. Mile Flat Race.  
15. 220 Yards (Handicap).  
16. Consolation Race (120 yards).  
17. Steeplechase.  
18. Mile Bicycle Race (Handicap).

Nos. 4, 5, 12 and 18 are open events. Entry  
forms can be obtained after the 10th of February,  
1894, at the VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB,  
QUARRY BAY ATHLETIC CLUB, HONGKONG  
DOCK, or of the Undersecretary, and must be sent  
in not later than February 25th, 1894.

A. DENISON,  
Honorary Secretary,  
H. K. A. C.  
Hongkong, 1st February, 1894. [188]

## Notices of Firms.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGA-  
TION COMPANY.

BY Order of the Board of Directors, Messrs.  
SANDER & Co. will be in charge of the  
Company's BUSINESS at this Port during any  
temporary absence.

C. ZANELLA,  
Honorary Secretary.  
Hongkong, 15th February, 1894. [246]

## Insurances.

THE  
STANDARD.

ENDOWMENT  
ASSURANCE.

1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANT-

AGES of this form of Assurance, the  
following may be mentioned:—

- (a)—It secures an immediate Provision  
for wife and family or other rela-  
tives in event of early death.
- (b)—It provides a Fund for Retirement.
- (c)—It supplies an excellent Investment  
for the regular accumulation of  
small fixed sums of money.
- (d)—The Surrender and loan values are  
larger than under ordinary Policies.

2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN  
THREE YEARS IN FORCE—  
should the Policy-holder wish to dis-  
continue future payments—he will  
be entitled to receive, on application,  
a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a  
proportionate amount of the Sum  
Assured, as explained in the Pros-  
pectus.

Full particulars on application,  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents,  
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE,  
Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [747]

SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE  
INSURANCE COMPANY OF  
NEW ZEALAND.

THE Underigned are prepared to accept  
FIRE and MARINE INSURANCES on  
favourable terms.  
Current rates, and a guaranteed Bonus equal  
to that paid by the local Offices.  
S. J. DAVID & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 1st November, 1893. [415]

**NOTICE.**

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED ..... \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept  
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,  
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world  
payable at any of its Agencies.

HEAD OFFICE,  
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.  
Hongkong, 24th November, 1893. [180]

**GENERAL NOTICE.**

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,  
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 ..... \$833,333.33  
EQUAL TO ..... \$318,000.00  
RESERVE FUND ..... \$318,000.00

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**  
LEE SING, Esq. LO YUEN MOON, Esq.  
LOU TAO SHUN, Esq.

**MANAGER.—HO AMEL.**

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken  
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the  
World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.  
Hongkong, 17th December, 1893. [974]

## Intimations.

NAVAL CONTRACTS 1894-95.

SEALED TENDERS, in duplicate, will be  
received by the NAVAL STORE-  
KEEPER, H.M. NAVAL YARD, until 10 A.M.  
on WEDNESDAY, the 28th instant, from  
Persons desirous of Supplying the Undermen-  
tioned Articles for the use of H.M. Navy for the  
year 1894-95:—

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|--|---|
| BISCUIT,<br>SOFT BREAD,<br>FLOUR,<br>FRESH BEEF,<br>FRESH VEGETABLES,<br>and FRESH POTATOES. | RAISINS,<br>RICE,<br>SUGAR,<br>FRESH MILK,<br>WATER, for Drink-<br>ing, and Bottling. |
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Printed Forms of Tender and further particu-  
lars can be obtained at the NAVAL STORE-  
KEEPER'S OFFICE.  
The right to reject the Lowest or any Tender  
is reserved.

Hongkong, Victualling Yard,  
19th February, 1894. [261]

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Road  
along the Sea front at Causeway Bay  
will be CLOSED during the RENEWAL of the  
Bridges.

By Command,  
G. T. M. O'BRIEN,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 17th February, 1894. [253]

## HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 1894,  
OWING to the RACES there will be NO  
COMPETITION. Members are re-  
quested to send their ANNUAL SUBSCRIP-  
TIONS to the Hon. Treas. Captain PALMER,  
Onstage Office.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN,  
Honorary Secretary.  
Hongkong, 17th February, 1894. [248]

## Intimations.

THE  
HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremila"—A. B. C. Code.—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East,  
affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of  
the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Paddar's Wharf  
(the principal landing stage of the Colony) and is close proximity to the Banks and Shipping  
Offices.

THE HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers.  
THE TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the cuisine being  
under experienced supervision.  
THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to  
spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communications.  
The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new, Bar and public  
BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.  
THE WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied.  
HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers  
and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

Hongkong, 17th November, 1893.

R. TUCKER  
Manager. [239]

DAWSON'S PERFECTION  
OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.

ALLISTON & CO., SOLE AGENTS, Hongkong and the Far East,  
68, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, 18th December, 1893. [41]

W. BREWER.

WHITAKER'S ALMANACKS, 1894.  
Hasell's Annual, 1894.  
Nautical Diary, 1894.  
Year Book of Photography, 1894.  
Compendium of Games.  
Boys and Men's Footballs.  
Boxing Gloves.  
Water and Oil Colour Boxes.  
Sable and Hog Hair Brushes.  
Churchman's Almanack, 1894.  
European Account Book.

DANCING PUMPS.  
Dance Programmes.  
Scrap Album for Mounted Photos.  
Christmas No. of *Picure*, English edition.  
Paris Noël French.  
Coming—in the Shadow of the Pagoda.  
Stirling—Suicide and Insanity.  
How—Illustrated Interviews.  
Engineers' Almanack, 1894.  
New Exchange Tables 2/- to 3/6.

W. BREWER,  
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL,  
QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1894.

CENTRAL HOTEL,  
SHANGHAI.

Electric Lighting  
throughout  
the Premises.

Telegraphic Address—  
"CENTRAL"  
SHANGHAI.

THIS long-established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river in the

centre of the Settlements, is now fitted with the latest modern improvements, including Bath  
and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid  
on, DOUCHE, SHOWER, SPRAYS, etc., and heated to a comfortable temperature during winter.

COMMODOUS RECEPTION ROOM FOR VISITORS.

SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.

An Assistant attends on Passengers by Mail Steamers.

N.B.—Special reduced charges may be arranged for on application to the Manager.

F. E. REILLY,  
PROPRIETOR.

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

IMPORTS OF THE CHOICEST BRANDS OF  
TOBACCOS, CIGARETTES AND MANILA CIGARS.  
OUR TOBACCOS and CIGARETTES are guaranteed ABSOLUTELY FRESH, and will  
be exchanged if found otherwise. The MANILA CIGARS will be found thoroughly  
matured and fit for immediate use:—

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|---|---|---|
| Pioneer Brand.<br>Captain Brand.<br>Traveller Brand.<br>Our Mutual Friend.<br>Star Mixture.<br>Cope's Rose Bud.<br>Silver Veil.<br>Sweet Caporal.<br>Klaney's Straight Cut. | Moore Head Flake Cut.<br>St. Ledger Scroll Cut Twist.<br>Golden Magnet.<br>Prairie Flower Mixture.<br>Stars and Stripes.<br>Ogden's Bird's Eye.<br>Ogden's Navy Cut.<br>Three Castles.<br>Otto de Rose. | Three Castles.<br>Bird's Eye.<br>Happy Thought.<br>Pegada Brand.<br>Golden Eagle.<br>Ogden's Fruit and Honey.<br>Dragon Brand.<br>Ogden's Yellow Finck. |
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KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1894.

RACES  
1894.



SADDLERY, RACING GEAR, STABLE FURNITURE.  
RACING SADDLES with English complete, 35 ounces.  
JOCKEY WHIPS. BRIDLES. RACING REINS.  
BROWN LEATHER FORTY HARNESS.

NEW CRAVATS, SCARFS, COLLARS, GLOVES, HATS, CARRIAGE RUGS, &c.  
JOCKEY BOOTS, RACING TOPS.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1894.

LANE CRAWFORD & Co.

## Intimations.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH ORDINARY  
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the  
Company will be held at the Company's Office,  
No. 2, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, TO-  
MORROW, the 21st February, at Twelve o'clock  
NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement  
of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for  
the year ending 31st December, 1893.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 21st inst.,  
both days inclusive.

By Order,  
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,  
Secretary. [183]

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEET-  
ING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held  
at the COMPANY'S HOTEL, on THURSDAY, 8th  
March, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a  
Statement of the Accounts of the Company to  
the 31st December, 1893, with the Report of the  
Directors, and to discuss any matters that may  
competently be brought before the Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 22nd instant to the  
8th proximo, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
R. LYALL,  
Secretary. [247]

HONGKONG, 16th February, 1894.

STRAITS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of  
this Company will be held at the HEAD  
OFFICE, SINGAPORE, on THURSDAY, 22nd  
March, at NOON.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from 9th to 22nd March, both  
days inclusive.

By Order of the Directors  
WM. MACBEAN,  
Agent.  
Hongkong Branch.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1894. [260]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND OF SEVEN PER CENT. per  
Share for the Six months ending 31st  
December, 1893, DECLARED at Monday's  
Ordinary Yearly Meeting, will be PAYABLE at the  
Premises of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION, on and after TUES-  
DAY, the 20th February, and Shareholders are  
requested to apply for Dividend Warrants at the  
Company's Office, No. 14, PRINCE CENTRAL.

By Order of the Board of Directors  
D. GILLIES,  
Secretary. [259]

HONGKONG, 19th February, 1894.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION.

THE DIVIDEND DECLARED for the  
Half-year ending 31st December last, at  
the rate of ONE POUND STERLING (1/-) per  
Share of \$125, is PAYABLE on and after  
MONDAY, the 19th instant, at the Offices of  
the CORPORATION, where Shareholders are  
requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager. [250]

Hongkong, 17th February, 1894.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1894.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,  
the 22nd, 23rd and 24th February.

TICKETS of ADMISSION to the GRAND  
STAND and ENCLOSURE may be  
obtained from KELLY & WALSH, LD. Price, 5/-  
for the Meeting.

Tickets for the Day may be purchased at the  
Gate. Price, 2/- each.  
No one will be admitted without a Ticket  
which must be shown to the Ticket Inspector at  
the Gate.

LADIES are invited to the GRAND STAND and  
ENCLOSURE during the Races.  
T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course. [257]

Hongkong, 19th February, 1894.

SITUATION WANTED.

A GENTLEMAN (English) aged 28, seeks  
suitable employment in an English or  
German House in Hongkong or any Coast Port  
of China. Able to correspond well in ENGLISH,  
GERMAN and DUTCH, has a thorough practical  
knowledge of BOOK-KEEPING and GENERAL  
OFFICE WORK.

Apply to  
"X,"  
c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office.  
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1894. [139]

THE PHARMACY,  
55, QUEEN'S ROAD.

FLETCHER & Co.,  
DISPENSING and RETAIL CHEMISTS,  
DRUGGISTS' SUPPLIERS,  
F. F. U. M. E. S.

PATENT MEDICINE VENDORS,  
have on hand a Large Stock of leading Patent  
Medicines and Proprietary Articles:—  
PATENT MEDICINES.—Scott's Emulsion;  
Fellow's Syrup; Kepler's Malt; Lalo's  
Phosphodyne; Fletcher's Malt, &c., &c., &c.

TOILET REQUISITES.—Sponges, Sponge  
Bags, Hair Brushes, Cloth Brushes, Shaving  
Brushes, Tooth Brushes, Nail Brushes,  
Combs, Razors, &c., &c., &c.

PERFUMES.—Fragrant, Almond's, Cologne,  
Crown Perfumery Co.'s and Ricksacker's.

THE NEW PERFUME.—Latest and Best,  
White Heather, Bouquet, 2/- 25 per bottle.  
SALERS.—Pearl's, Whisk, Calverts, 7/-,  
Sulphurine, Robinson's, &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1894. [26]

## Shipping.

STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"RAILOONG,"

Captain Hodgins, will be despatched for the  
above Ports on THURSDAY, the 22nd instant,  
at Daylight.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 19th February, 1894. [255]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"BENVENUE,"

Captain Thomas, due here on or about 19th  
instant, will have quick despatch as above.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 7th February, 1894. [257]

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"PANTHAN,"

Captain Wright, will be despatched as above  
on or about WEDNESDAY, the 21st instant.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 13th February, 1894. [238]

"SHELL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR HAMBURG AND LONDON.

THE Steamship

"CONCH,"

Captain Moses, will be despatched for the above  
Ports on or about FRIDAY, the 23rd instant.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
SHEWAN & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 8th February, 1894. [217]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.

THE Steamship

"DENBIGHSHIRE,"

Davies, Commander, will be despatched for the  
above Ports on or about the 10th proximo,  
instead of as previously advertised.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 8th February, 1894. [149]

"WARRACK" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"ARGYLL,"

Captain J. C. Williamson, R.N.R., will be de-  
spatched for the above Port on or about the 24th  
proximo.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 12th February, 1894. [106]

## Consignees.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship  
"CITY OF PEKING."

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees  
of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their  
Bills of Lading for Counter-signature, and to  
take immediate delivery of their Goods from  
alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel  
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk  
and expense.

J. S. VAN BUREN,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, 16th February, 1894. [1]



## For Sale.

IMPORTANT INTIMATION.  
NOW READY.

(PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY.)

"THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST," A DIRECTORY AND WORK OF REFERENCE ON ALL IMPORTANT LOCAL SUBJECTS FOR HONGKONG, MACAO, CHINA, JAPAN, THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, SIAM, INDO-CHINA, NORTH BORNEO, THE PHILIPPINES, AND COREA, FOR THE YEAR 1894.

PRICE THREE DOLLARS.

THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY has again been enlarged and will be found THE CHEAPEST, MOST COMPLETE, AND MOST RELIABLE WORK OF THE KIND EVER PUBLISHED IN THE FAR EAST.

THE above named work, published at the Office of "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH," contains a Directory for the Ports in the large portion of Asia between Penang, in the Straits Settlements, and the Northern Chinese Ports, including Vladivostok, Formosa, the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, Cochinchina, the Philippine Islands, Corea, British North Borneo, the British Colony of Hongkong, and the Portuguese Colony of Macao. It also contains the Principal Treaties between European countries and the United States and the countries East of the Straits, including the Treaties and Conventions between China and Great Britain, France, Germany, Russia, the United States of America, Brazil, Japan, Peru, Spain, and Portugal; together with conditions of Trade, and the Port, Customs, Consular, and Harbour Regulations for the Ports of China and Japan; also descriptions of the various Ports, with the latest Trade Statistics, taken from the Reports of the Imperial Maritime Customs and other reliable sources.

The various Governments and Municipal Corporations, and all Public Bodies and Companies, Bankers, Merchants, Consuls, Professional men, and other Residents, have supplied the necessary matter, upon forms specially sent for that purpose so as to ensure accuracy. The Naval and Military portions have been taken from the latest published official lists and revised at Headquarters; in fact, no pains have been spared to make "THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" a handy and perfectly reliable book of reference for all classes.

In addition to the information enumerated above "THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" for 1894 contains a carefully revised

INDEX TO THE ORDINANCES OF HONGKONG; A SPECIAL LIST OF FOREIGNERS employed in Steamers making short voyages from Hongkong;

THE PRIVATE RESIDENCES of the Principal Government Officials, the Leading Merchants, the Foreign Consuls, Professional Men, Justices of the Peace, &c.

A LADIES DIRECTORY FOR HONGKONG. The latest and only reliable PLAN OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA, showing the proposed Reclamations and all recent additions and improvements, AND A Mass of interesting information on various subjects, culled from the most trustworthy sources.

A CHAPTER ON SPORT gives all statistics up to date regarding the Derby, St. Leger and other great events, Athletic records, the WINNERS of all IMPORTANT RACES at HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, FOCHOW, and AMOY, with times, and other interesting particulars, carefully compiled from the most reliable sources, making "THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST," a *valuable* work for all classes of sportsmen.

"THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" for 1894 is printed on a superior quality of Paper, and is the best printed and most handsomely bound volume ever published East of the Suez Canal.

There is not space in the compass of an Ordinary Advertisement to detail all the information introduced into the work, but it may be fairly asserted that no such Directory has ever been published, either in Hongkong or any other part of the East, at such a low price.

"THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" offers Special Advantages as an Advertising Medium. It has an extensive circulation in all Ports between Singapore and Newchwang, in the Australian Colonies, the United States, and the United Kingdom, and the scale of charges has been fixed at an exceptionally low rate. Terms can be learned on application.

Suggestions for the improvement of this work are respectfully solicited.

Orders for COPIES, and for ADVERTISEMENTS may be sent to the Agents at the various Ports, or to the Office of "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORTRESS HILL, HONGKONG.

## Intimations.

## DR. FENWICK'S FOOD

FOR NURSING MOTHERS AND INFANTS ALSO FOR DYSPEPTICS AND INVALIDS.

It is specially recommended as an article of diet for NURSING MOTHERS as it will strengthen and support them and at the same time enrich the Natural Milk and increase the Supply.

INFANTS FED on this Food put on flesh rapidly. In two and sixpenny and one and sixpenny bottles at \$1.10 and 70 cents.

AGENTS IN HONGKONG: DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED, VICTORIA DISPENSARY. Hongkong, 12th January, 1894.

## CHEMISTS BY APPOINTMENT.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

屈臣氏公司

FAMILY AND DISPENSING CHEMISTS.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS.

ANALYSTS.

PERFUMERS.

PATENT MEDICINE PROPRIETORS AND VENDORS.

DRUGGISTS' SUNDRYMEN.

CIGAR DEALERS.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

AND AERATED WATER MAKERS.

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DEATHS.

At Blackford, Rothlenor, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, on the 1st January, 1894, JOHN PATON WATSON, formerly of Shanghai.

On the 15th instant, at Woonung, on board the M.M. Co's steamer *Oceanic*, HENRY JOSEPH HAAR, Doctor of the vessel.

MARRIAGE.

At McIntyre Home, Shanghai, on the 15th February, 1894, by the Rev. Y. J. Allen, D.D., the Rev. M. E. HILL, of Nanking, to Emma E. eldest daughter of Dr. J. W. KERR, Brownsville, Tennessee, U.S.A., both of the Southern Methodist Mission.

THE FRENCH PRESIDENT.

PARIS, February 10th. M. Carnot has recovered from his recent illness.

THE FRENCH IN TIMBUCTOO.

A telegram from the Governor of Senegal gives a rumor that a flying column has been surprised by Toucoules at some distance from Timbuktoo. Details are not to hand.

Colonel Bonnier, with a portion of the column, left Timbuktoo on the 12th January to make a reconnaissance.

The Toucoules succeeded in effecting a night surprise whilst the column was sleeping when three days' march from Timbuktoo. A portion of the column, a garrison of Timbuktoo, but Colonel Bonnier, eight officers, two European sergeants, and seventy native troops, were missing. The town of Timbuktoo is put in a state of defence.

February 11th. M. Caillaud-Perier has announced to the Chamber that he had ordered immediate reinforcements to Timbuktoo, and would send some Algerian reinforcements if necessary. France, he added, will have to retain Timbuktoo, after such an incident.

February 12th. A fourth battalion of Soudanese tirailleurs has been levied. Three hundred men of the Foreign Legion are ready to start for the Soudan should it be necessary.

THE SOCIALISTS. The Chamber of Deputies has voted, by 362 votes against 166, the order of the day pure and simple accepted by the Cabinet in response to the Socialist Interpellation on the closure of the Labourers' Club.

CYCLONE AT DIEGO SUAREZ. A cyclone has caused serious destruction at Diego Suarez.

THE ELECTIONS TO THE COLONIAL COUNCIL. SAIGON, February 12th.

The following is the result of the elections for three French members to the Colonial Council:—MM. Cunéo, 531 votes; Lamoureux, 449; Paris, 333; Guiso, 261; and Lamoureux, 199. In consequence, MM. Cunéo, Lamoureux, and Paris are elected.

M. Lebon, Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, has decided that M. Le Vasseur, editor of the *Indépendance*, is elected for Tonkin. The Hanol Chamber of Commerce has protested.

SPAIN AND MOROCCO. MADRID, February 10th.

General Martinez Campos is still at the Court of the Sultan of Morocco, discussing the terms of settlement. It is said that Spain is holding out for an indemnity of twenty million dollars. Nothing has, however, been yet decided as to the amount, nor the place at which payment shall be made, nor the period over which the instalments may extend. The negotiations proceed amicably throughout.

February 12th. One of the Riff leaders, Maimon Mohatar, has been pardoned by the Sultan at the request of the Spaniards. (Probably because he defied them to do anything else.)

February 16th. By an edict of the Sultan, the circulation of Philippine cologne is prohibited throughout Morocco.

THE SPANISH TARIFF DIFFICULTY. The Navarre deputies still refuse to accept the tariff policy of the Government, and a division is said to be imminent; but this is denied in some quarters.

BISMARCK AND THE KAISER. On Monday next (19th) Kaiser Wilhelm goes to visit Prince Bismarck at his residence.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE French gunboat *Constant* was at Chik-king on the 13th inst.

It is stated that the water is continuing to deepen in the Felma Channel, near the Woonung bar, there being close to the wreck fourteen inches more water than in the old channel.

It may interest some of our aquatic sportsmen to learn that the barque *Kitty*, which Capt. Wilson com-mand, is placed at the disposal of the V. R. C. as flag-ship during the late regatta, sailed for Manila to-day, to lead for the "gold compass."

A SHANGHAI contemporary learns that Captain Minter has succeeded in obtaining from the Japanese Government for Messrs. Armstrong & Co. a contract for two very large steel cruisers, to cost, it is said, about one million sterling each.

CAPTAIN F. C. MULLAN, of the steamship *Rosary*, at report to the British Consul-General at Shanghai that the steamer *Goat*, which was on the coast reef, Hayasaki Channel, and marked on late Admiralty charts does not now exist, having been destroyed by a typhoon some three months ago.

THE blasphemous spouter "General" Booth took the importance of his "Faithful" by faith, and you will not then think that God Almighty will have to hold his nose every time he comes near you. Also—"Make your heart sweet, so that the angels will like to come near and have a lick." Hallelujah!

DOCTOR Henry Joseph Haas, surgeon on board the French mail steamer *Oceanic*, who died at Woonung on the morning of Thursday last, had been rather distinguished. He served in the French Army in which he held the rank of Surgeon-Major, and had seen active service in Mexico, Algeria and Tonkin; and was an Officer of the Legion of Honour.

THE band of the 1st Shropshire Light Infantry will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess, Murray Barracks, this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock:—

On the evening of the 17th instant, writes the Hankow correspondent of the *N. C. Daily News*, one of the oldest and most familiar foreign buildings in Hankow was destroyed by fire, namely the Old Consulate, which stood by the river side adjacent to the present English Consulate. Although on the pile of Hankow, it has for many years been little better than a ruin, which the owners, a Russian firm, rented out to a number of offices engaged in making the bamboo baskets which are so largely required for the export of silk tea. These basketsmen while enjoying themselves in China New Year festival continued to spend a lamp, with the result that the house, being crammed full of the best burning material, was in a few minutes wrapped in an immense sheet of flame which lighted up the whole of the Consulate, and right gey up to Wyching. This brought the natives on the scene in their thousands, while a strong party from H.M.S. *Porpoise*, and the *Hankow* and *Wing* were equally prompt in getting to the scene and putting the flames leading outwards into Wyking and Yankin. There are now in addition to the above named tower over 6,000 men in Hankow, of whom 1,500 are cavalry. All these troops have recently been completely armed with the new weapons sent just a year ago from Peking and Tientsin, and the artillery has been reinforced by six new batteries from the same source. The troops are commanded by General Tcheng, and the *Hankow* and *Wing* are the only two vessels of the fleet in the harbor. The great rebellion in Shensi and Chensi is now at an end.

THE Agents (Messrs. Dodwell, Carill & Co.) inform us that the Northern Pacific Steamship Co.'s steamer *Victoria* arrived at Victoria, B.C., on the 17th inst., from China and Japan.

MR. ISAACSON.—"I sell you 300 cost, my friend for 200, you take him along." Customer—"I thought, Isaacson, that you didn't do business on Saturday. Isn't this your Sunday?" Mr. Isaacson (in a slow, reverent tone of voice).—"My friend, to sell a coat like dot for 200, was not business; dot was charity."

LIFE Insurance Agent—I should like to insure your life for our company for \$10,000. Editor—No, sir; I don't want any insurance. I expect to live at least until I'm 60 years old.

LIFE Insurance Agent—Well, here's our other policy. If you die you get nothing; live until you are ninety and get a million. See?

If celery were eaten freely, sufferers from rheumatism would be comparatively few. It is mistaken idea that cold and damp produce the disease—they simply develop it. Acid blood is the primary and sustaining cause. If celery is eaten largely, an alkaline blood is the result, and where this exists there can be neither rheumatism nor gout. It should be eaten cooked.

ACCORDING to advices from Sun-shing, near Macao, the officer in charge of the Customs cruiser *Lung-ching*, attached to the Lappa squadron, effected the seizure of no less than seven chests of opium, valued at \$20,000, last week, which was making the best of its way to Hongkong on the 15th instant, showing, according to documents seized on board, that the information upon which the cruiser was acting came from "authorities" in this colony.

THE *N. C. Daily News* states that on the 31st of January a military mandarin wearing the 1st or light-blue button was decapitated at Soochow. This person was convicted of having robbed a silk boat at T'ien-t'ing of \$20,000, last summer, while proceeding from Shanghai to the silk districts of Soochow, mention of which was made at the time in these columns. Two other persons were also beheaded at the same time, one a male and the other a female, the latter suffering also the slicing, or *lingchi*, process. They were paramours and compassed the death of the woman's husband by poison.

THE Portuguese youth Gabriel Jorge, who it may be remembered, was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment some two years ago for embezzling money belonging to the now defunct Marina Hotel Company, has been distinguished himself in Manila. A recent report from that highly favoured city has it that the gallant Gabriel, in company with a friend, waylaid a citizen with the intention of carrying him off to a certain sum of bullion believed to be carried on his person. However, the citizen objected, and Mr. Jorge is accused of having drawn a knife, and by way of showing his keen resentment buried the hapless man in the butt of the said citizen. The sequel is in course of development.

At the Magistrate's day, before Mr. H. E. Wodehouse, four coolies and a foreman (Chinese) were charged with "cutting earth in such a manner as to undermine the hill and endanger the stability of the same, and of the Tin Pan temple below," at Yau-mai on the 28th inst. Mr. H. P. Tooker, of the P. W. D., stated that he saw them cutting away the hillside, and he was of opinion that there was danger of a landslide which would injure Crown land; hence his *locus standi*. Incidentally there was also danger of killing a number of people; but that is a detail which does not concern the Crown. Inspector Hanson had warned them repeatedly and shown them how to work properly. His Worship fined the foreman \$5, and discharged the other prisoners.

RABBI Stolt of New York on Judaism, thusly:—Israel gave the world a pure religion, a creed undimmed by centuries, a system of law, unembarrassed by dogmatic technicalities, a religion sustained by heavy self-sacrifice, a religion sublime and unique in history, a religion at whose sparkling fountain-wells the world's famed pioneers slaked their thirst. In religion Hebrew genius was supreme. The religion of Israel is the grandest romance of idealism, blended with the sedate realism of terrestrial perpetuity. The mosaic ordinance with its unequalled mastery of detail, its comprehensiveness of character, its universality of human right, and rigid suppression of the most trivial wrong, its earnest way of life, its general and absolute championship of truth, justice, morality, and love of righteousness, the most unique marvel of the lofty wisdom and divine forethought ever penned into the records of authentic history. Israel's Bible first re-echoed the reverberating melody of truth as a most musical synonym for omniscience. On Judea's soil, that green oasis in the desert of antiquity, first bloomed and flourished the lilies of culture and civilization.

An official telegram has been received in Manila (according to the *Comercio*) confirming the report that the home Government has concluded arrangements for establishing a line of steamers between Manila, China and Japan. A subvention is to be voted for 12 voyages a year. The original estimate furnished by the Harbour Office of Manila was \$150 per mile, which was figured out to make \$7,500 per voyage; the Naval Commandant thought that amount would do for steamers of the Company Transatlantic type, but that the smaller vessels would be enough for the usual sort of vessels hitherto trading on the proposed route; and the Department of Communications reported in favour of \$1,000 per trip, or \$6,000 per year, being the amount of the subsidy. Our contemporary says this kind of thing is all very well, but it is stupid to try and increase the number of ships without first trying to increase the amount of goods to be carried, by reducing the Pacific region in March for the season, and avoid calling at the Philippine ports, and there is not enough cargo for the existing tonnage; what is wanted is to lower the tariff, and steamers will at once come in crowds without any subsidy.

ACCORDING to the *Huipo*, Messrs. Telge & Co. of Tientsin are in expectation of receiving a large order for arms and ammunition from the Governor of Chinese Turkestan, having been strongly recommended to that official by a mandarin of high influence in the North and in intimate relationship with the Governor. *Appar* of this, a telegram from the Peking native correspondent of the *N. C. Daily News*, states that the Government have received despatches from Kashgaria to the effect that a large body of drilled troops composed of Kansu men and about five hundred Kirghis, all completely armed with the newest weapons, and two batteries of mountain artillery, will be ready to start for the Kashgaria region in March for the purpose of patrolling the vicinity of Lake Balkhash, and settling the passes leading outwards into Yarkand and Yulghistan. There are now in addition to the above named troops over 6,000 men in Kashgaria, of whom 1,500 are cavalry. All these troops have recently been completely armed with the new weapons sent just a year ago from Peking and Tientsin, and the artillery has been reinforced by six new batteries from the same source. The troops are commanded by General Tcheng, and the *Hankow* and *Wing* are the only two vessels of the fleet in the harbor. The great rebellion in Shensi and Chensi is now at an end.

OVER eight inches of snow are reported to have fallen at Peking on the 30th ult.

Mrs. Brown (reading): "It says in the paper that two men went down to one of the city sewers and were killed by sewer gas. What do they want gas in a sewer for, I wonder?" Mr. Brown (in deep disgust): "To see by, of course. Do you think sewers have windows in them?"

THE Spanish steamers *Espana*, *Francisco Reyes* and *Salvadora*, which have been laid up at Manila for some months for want of trade, have now returned to active life, says the *Comercio*, and are preparing to compete for the Government subsidy on the Japan and China run. If boats of this sort will satisfy the authorities of the Philippines, they must be rather easy to suit.

In his latest Weekly Share Report, issued at Shanghai on the 15th inst., Mr. Ruttonjee says:—Since the date of my last circular a considerable and very welcome reaction has set in in our stock market, and, though shares have only advanced in value in a few instances, still the demand remains good, especially in the case of Marine Insurances, which have been largely dealt in, and scrip generally may be said to be held with a belief in an early and further improvement.

THE Transatlantic steamer *Buenos Ayres*, said to be the largest vessel in the Spanish mercantile marine, has been put on the Eastern run, and arrived at Manila a few days ago, with over 4,000 tons of cargo. In this connection it is worthy of note that the Spanish mail line to the east has its western terminus at Liverpool, just as almost all the foreign subsidised lines find it necessary to throw a British port into their routes in order to pay expenses, even if it involves going a considerable distance out of the way.

THE Governor of Kiangsi has recently issued a proclamation in which he reminds native converts to Christianity that they are still Chinese subjects, and on the other hand non-converts are exhorted to consider the former still as brethren, and put aside further doubt and suspicion about them. But while this is so, converts are warned against relying, because of their entrance into a foreign faith, too much on foreign protection for the purposes of defying the laws, for in that case they will be punished with the utmost rigour.

A SCOTCH reporter recently told an amusing story of a scene he once witnessed in a Glasgow law court. It was rather a pompous tradesman that was under cross-examination. "Well, Mr. McFarlane," said the counsel, "I understand you are a hatter of Glasgow, the second city in the empire." "Yes, sir, aw am," answered the witness. "And I understand you are a cork-cutter in business." "Yes, sir, a cork-cutter, but a cork-cutter in a large way," was the reply, the witness wishing to impress the court with his importance. "Oh! then," returned the counsel, "I suppose you'll make bungs?" "Table!"

THE Manila *Diario* of the 17th instant says:—Yesterday, among the prisoners released from gaol, was Mariano Santa Ana, a native of Albay, whose birth was registered in 1777, and who is thus 117 years old now. He was sentenced 55 years ago to ten years' imprisonment for desertion, but just before his time was out he managed to escape. He was caught at once, and sent back; and two other escapades brought him similar misfortune, with an increased sentence every time, so that he has only now completed his term. Later he has had to be kept in the hospital of San Juan, and on the expiry of his term he petitioned not to be turned out in his old age!

THE *Avenir du Tonkin* of the 14th inst. states that it has learnt, "from an authentic source, that negotiations have been opened between the Kebao Coal Company and the Société des Charbonnages du Tonkin with a definite view to the transfer of the Hongkong mines." The Hongkong agents for the Kebao Co. (Messrs. Shaw & Co.) are consequently informed as to the Secretary of that company, who is now in Hongkong on his way to France, puts this rumour down as a mere *canard*; and he would certainly know if it was true. Nothing is known about it at the head office of the "Charbonnages" Co., which is located here. The managing director, Mr. Bavier-Chanfon, is at present in Paris.

"Once when I was in China," said the long-eared man who didn't know China from term cutta, though everybody didn't know he didn't, "I saw the authorities cut a Chinaman's queue off for some offence he had been guilty of."

"Inasmuch as the conversation had been on the Chinese and their customs, interest at once centred in this man who had been on the very spot."

"Didn't it break his heart?" enquired a listener, who had lived in California.

"Well, no, not that I could discover," responded the long-eared man; "indeed, he didn't seem to notice his loss at all, and never referred to it that I ever heard of."

"He must have been a queer Chinaman," insisted the listener. "Probably he was civilized."

"No, he had never been out of China in his life, and had never seen a Christian until he saw me."

"I've known a good many Chinamen in my time," said the Californian, thoughtfully, "but I never heard of one like that, and can't account for his strange conduct."

"Perhaps," suggested the long-eared man, as he arose to depart, "you might, if I told you that when they cut off his queue his head accompanied it, and then the long-eared man shut the door."

AMONG the hundred and sixty old persons who were made the recipients of birthday honours on Chinese New Year day (5th instant) in commemoration of the Empress Dowager's sixtieth birthday anniversary, which falls due this year, the Viceroy Li Hung-chang at Tientsin received the unusual distinction of being decorated with the "Three-eyed" peacock feather. This decoration, says our Shanghai morning contemporary, is only conferred upon Princes of the Blood, and since the advent of the present dynasty in China, Li Hung-chang is the second Chinese who has been given this high honour, the first one being the notorious Wu San-kuei, the Chinese general at Shanghai, kuan (Eastern extremity of the Great Wall) who invited the Manchus to enter China, he himself volunteering to lead the advanced army against Peking. But of course there is a slight difference as regards the conferring of this "Three-eyed" peacock feather, as Wu San-kuei was made a prince first, before he received the decoration, while Li Hung-chang is still what may be styled a "commoner." The Viceroy Li K'un-yi at Nanking received the "Two-eyed" peacock feather, in connection with the birthday honours, which decoration is generally considered to be the sum of a Chinese mandarin's ambition in this line. The Viceroy Li Hung-chang at Canton, elder brother of the Tientsin Viceroy, receives the "beard" of Junior Guardian of the Holy Apparatus in conjunction with about twenty others; while Chang Chieh-tung, Viceroy of Szechuan, has been named by the Board of Civil Appointments for the decoration of some extraordinary reward. In honour of this occasion.

THE French gunboat *Comète* arrived at Shanghai from Mitungahama on the 15th inst.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s royal mail steamer *Empress of Japan*, arrived at Yokohama at 2.30 p.m. yesterday, and left again at 3 a.m. to-day for this port, via Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai.

ACCORDING to the *N. C. Daily News* of the 16th inst. it had not then been finally decided when the first fleet of steamers would leave Shanghai for Tientsin, but it was expected to be some time before the end of the current month.

WHEN the U.S.S. *Monocacy* returned to Shanghai from the river ports on the 15th inst., a case of small-pox on board was reported! The patient was removed to the General Hospital, while the *Monocacy* remains in the quarantine anchorage.

SAYS an exchange:—The ladies of Honolulu are excellent horse-women. They ride astride, and wear bifurcated flowing skirts four yards wide. Straps of tape, through which the feet are slipped, keep the dress in place when the feet are in the stirrups. The effect of this custom is a much easier and more elegant seat.

MR. LU FEE-YANG, the new Taotai of Shanghai, arrived at that port in the corvette *Whiting* on the 16th inst., but did not take the receipt of necessary instructions regarding the taking over of the seals of office necessitating a visit to Soochow. In connection with this event the *Huipo* produced a high-class illustration of the worthy Lu. The illustration was "in imitation of the Western custom of giving portraits of men of the period in the daily papers." The *Huipo* man evidently takes in the *H.K. Telegraph*.

THE "Real Sociedad Economica de Amigos del País," a sort of national association, located in Manila, proposes to hold a grand international exhibition in that city, says the *Comercio*, some day or other—whether in this century or the next is not yet announced. Invitations will be extended to Spain, China, Japan, Siam, and the British, French, Dutch, Portuguese, and Danish (?) dependencies in the East—in fact, every place on this side of the Suez Canal. If, however, enough money for all this is not guaranteed, the affair may be limited to the Philippines.

UNDER date the 20th ult. the Tientsin correspondent of the *N. C. Daily News* writes as follows:—We are having the heaviest fall of snow that has been known since foreigners came to the port. It began about noon on Friday, the 26th, and continued to fall in large flakes well into the night to an aggregate depth of 4 or 5 inches. Little fell on Saturday, but all day on Sunday it fell quite thickly. The night fall was quite light, and to-day the fall is not heavy, and very fine particles. Appearances suggest a very extensive snowstorm, and of such an amount as to give promise of fine crops for the ensuing season. The farmers are rejoicing as it practically ensures a fine yield of wheat. For the larger number who do a "small business," *stao mai mai*, and are dependent on their daily earnings on the "street" for their living, this snow is anything but a present blessing. They must earn something to eat, and at best the daily ration is apt to be cut short at such a time as this.

LO BENQUA, the mighty monarch of Matsubeland who has been receiving so much attention of late from Mr. Cecil Rhodes, the late Captain Wilson and other ravenous agents of the Chartered South African Company, is stated by some religious organs to have at one time, before he stepped on to the "Broad Road," to have evinced "great love for the Old Testament." Well, perhaps so, but his interest in that ancient volume probably passed of the nature of fascination—he being fascinated with the graphic descriptions of the vast flocks of sheep and herds of goats and herds of horned cattle that fill its pages. Relative to the missionary twaddle about this hapless, albeit backsliding, monarch "A Pharisee" warbles thusly:—Do you remember "Bible John" in Hog's "Shepherd's Calendar"? John could never read the Scriptures without expounding them. Sometimes, however, he found himself in a difficulty, as the missionary often did with Lobengula. For instance, on reading the last chapter of Job, when he came to the enumeration of the patriarch's live stock, he remarked in his rich Doric:—"He had an uncounted number of cattle. Fourteen thousand sheep! How many was that?" "He had seven hundred scores," said one of the household. "Ay," said John, "it was an uncounted number of creatures. There was a dreadful confusion at his clippings. Six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she-asses. What in the wide world did he do with 'these creatures'? What did he do with his purpose like? He had had them all milked?" "What was he to do with them?" asked one of the girls.

MESSRS. WHELOCK & Co.'s Freight Market Report, dated Shanghai, 16th February, is as follows:—Since last writing, the Chinese New Year holidays have intervened and for the first week under review, business was entirely suspended. Upon resuming, we found that there was a great deal more cargo to go forward than anticipated, and home-bound steamers then anticipated as all got off to a start for London and Continent, mostly made up of "truck and truck" certainly silver has a great deal to do with this, and to use the old saying "It is all wind etc." Coastwise.—There seems a fair demand for tonnage in the Wuhu-Canton direction, and several steamers have been taken up at fairly remunerative rates; many enquiries have also been made for suitable vessels for charter by the month. For London via Suez.—The *Argyle* and *Canton* were the last steamers to leave before the holidays, and the *Argyle* is with nothing doing, the *Tienmen* and *Glenorchy* are now the only vessels on the berth, and as there is a large quantity of cotton to go forward, there is no reason why they should not get very fair support. The latter vessel, calls at Marseilles. The *Shell* line *Bullmouth* left on the 15th inst. with a very large cargo of 300, and will be followed by the same Company's steamer *Conch* due on or about 15th inst. For



## SUICIDE ON THE PEAK ROAD.

About seven o'clock yesterday evening a Sikh constable named Nohall Singh, No. 553, committed suicide on the Peak Zigzag, just above Queen's Gardens, by shooting himself through the abdomen with his carbine. The deceased, a Punjabi, went on duty at six o'clock last night, and when he decided to explore the regions of the Great Unknown was in company with two other Indian constables, who had observed nothing wrong with the constable. Suddenly the hapless man made an excuse for dropping behind his companions and a minute or two later they heard a gunshot report close by. Turning back to see what was the cause of such an unusual occurrence, they found Nohall Singh lying on the road, face downwards, with his carbine almost under him. Turning him over, they found he was bleeding profusely from a wound in the abdomen, and that he was apparently stone-dead, while an examination of his weapon and ammunition pouch revealed the fact that it was his own rifle that had been fired off, and that one of the regulation ten round ball cartridge was missing. Thus it became clear to the unfortunate man's comrades that he had committed suicide and that nothing remained to be done but for one of them to guard the body while the other hurried to the Central Station to procure an ambulance. This was done without delay, and the body was promptly removed to the Mortuary, where it was taken to the Mahomedan burying-ground at Happy Valley this afternoon and duly interred.

The deceased, who has two brothers in the local Force, joined the Hongkong Police about two years ago and at the time of his death was about 22 years of age. He bore an exemplary character, and no cause for the rash act can be assigned by any one who knew him. He was in good health, good spirits and getting along in the ranks as well as he could reasonably expect, facts which tend to confirm last night's tragedy in complete mystery. There is at present nothing to show whether he did or did not premeditate the act; the *Daily Press* states that he must have been "unreliably" inserted a cartridge in his carbine before leaving the Central Station, but there was nothing suspicious about it.

An inquiry will be held at an early date.

## SPORTING NOTES.

In deference to the faith of those who have hitherto been guided by the opinions and predictions of "An Old Sportsman," the following notes must be prefaced by the announcement that the "Old Un" is for the time being *hors de combat*, and so badly has he been laid out that nothing short of a bright, cheery day and the regulation number of ambulance coolies can secure his forthcoming recovery, for even a brief period, at the approaching carnival.

Consequence of this misadventure Mr. F. Mahomet, a gentleman who morning after morning selects the shady side of the Judge's Box (as a special favour to the sporting public) has been prevailed upon to supply the following notes.

Vagrant having for his pilot Mr. Hough (who by the by, has not been seen to smile for a month past), negotiated one mile and a quarter in form corroborative of the ancient adage inferring that it takes an old dog to negotiate a hard road—without showing transparent results. Vagrant stands committed for having "scamped" the distance in 35, 1.09, 1.43, 2.15, 2.48, 3.15, 3.50, 4.15, 4.45, 5.15, 5.45, 6.15, 6.45, 7.15, 7.45, 8.15, 8.45, 9.15, 9.45, 10.15, 10.45, 11.15, 11.45, 12.15, 12.45, 1.01, 1.04, 1.07, 1.10, 1.13, 1.16, 1.19, 1.22, 1.25, 1.28, 1.31, 1.34, 1.37, 1.40, 1.43, 1.46, 1.49, 1.52, 1.55, 1.58, 2.01, 2.04, 2.07, 2.10, 2.13, 2.16, 2.19, 2.22, 2.25, 2.28, 2.31, 2.34, 2.37, 2.40, 2.43, 2.46, 2.49, 2.52, 2.55, 2.58, 3.01, 3.04, 3.07, 3.10, 3.13, 3.16, 3.19, 3.22, 3.25, 3.28, 3.31, 3.34, 3.37, 3.40, 3.43, 3.46, 3.49, 3.52, 3.55, 3.58, 4.01, 4.04, 4.07, 4.10, 4.13, 4.16, 4.19, 4.22, 4.25, 4.28, 4.31, 4.34, 4.37, 4.40, 4.43, 4.46, 4.49, 4.52, 4.55, 4.58, 5.01, 5.04, 5.07, 5.10, 5.13, 5.16, 5.19, 5.22, 5.25, 5.28, 5.31, 5.34, 5.37, 5.40, 5.43, 5.46, 5.49, 5.52, 5.55, 5.58, 6.01, 6.04, 6.07, 6.10, 6.13, 6.16, 6.19, 6.22, 6.25, 6.28, 6.31, 6.34, 6.37, 6.40, 6.43, 6.46, 6.49, 6.52, 6.55, 6.58, 7.01, 7.04, 7.07, 7.10, 7.13, 7.16, 7.19, 7.22, 7.25, 7.28, 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